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I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAY THE INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION ACT IS GOING TO BE REGULATED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT; THE REGULATIONS SHOULD NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL THE STATE DEPT. HAS DEFINED THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE PROBLEMS THE REGULATIONS ARE TRYING TO FIX; FURTHERMORE ESTIMATES ARE NECESSARY TO ESTIMATE TO WHAT EXTENT THE REGULATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO REDUCE PROBLEMS IN ADOPTION ; IT IS ALSO NECESARRY TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF HOW MUCH ADOPTIONS WILL BE ERDUCED BY HIGHER COSTS. AS A SOCIAL WORKER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT I URGE YOU TO HAVE THE INPUT OF ADOPTIVE APRENT ADVOCACY GROUPS AND THE INPUT OF ADOPTION AGENCIES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.